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JOINT REPLY FROM AMEMBASSY QUITO AND AMCONSUL GUAYAQUIL

1. POSTS AGREE THAT PROPOSAL TO WAIVE NIV'S FOR CERTAIN COUNTRIES WOULD BE HELPFUL. NO PROBLEMS ANTICIPATED WITH NEIGHBORING COUNTRY NATIONALS SINCE NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES ARE ALSO HIGH-FRAUD COUNTRIES.

2. QUITO HAS A PERMANENT PERSONNEL RESOURCES PROBLEM STEMMING FROM LACK OF POSITIONS AND A TEMPORARY ONE THIS NOVEMBER/DECEMBER DUE TO HOMELEAVE REQUIREMENTS. AMERICAN STAFFING CONSISTS OF TWO OFFICERS. THE WORKLOAD REQUIRES TWO AND A HALF OFFICERS. DURING THE PAST TWO YEARS THE SUMMER PEAK WORKLOAD (MAY TO SEPTEMBER) WAS MET BY PART-TIME AND FULL-TIME USE OF THE JUNIOR OFFICER IN THE COMMERCIAL SECTION OR THE CENTRAL COMPLEMENT JOT OFFICER. BOTH OF WHOM INITIATED THEIR TOURS IN THE CONSULAR SECTION. THIS ARRANGEMENT, NOT REALLY VERY SATISFACTORY, IS NO LONGER POSSIBLE AS THE FORMER POSITION IS NOW ABOLISHED AND THE JOT HAS EXCEEDED THE TIME HE SHOULD SPEND DOING CONSULAR WORK. THE PARM REQUESTED THE RESTORATION OF THE
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JUNIOR COMMERCIAL POSITION TO BE DESIGNATED AN ECONOMIC/COMMERCIAL/CONSULAR OFFICER. THE CHIEF OF THE CONSULAR SECTION POSITION WAS FILLED BY DIRECT TRANSFER THIS SUMMER WITH THE UNDERSTANDING THE OFFICER WOULD TAKE HOMELEAVE IN NOVEMBER/DECEMBER. THE REMAINING OFFICER IS A FIRST TOUR OFFICER, WHO ARRIVED AT POST IN MARCH THIS YEAR, AND CANNOT BE EXPECTED TO CARRY THE SECTION

FOR TWO MONTHS. THE LOCAL STAFF CONSISTS OF THREE LOCAL EMPLOYEES AND ONE TEMPORARY FOR THE SUMMER PEAK SEASON. THE EMBASSY IS CURRENTLY REQUESTING THE TEMPORARY POSITION BE ESTABLISHED AS A PERMANENT POSITION. GUAYAQUIL'S STAFF HAS BEEN INCREASED AND THE CONSUL GENERAL IS CURRENTLY ASSESSING WHETHER THE IMPACT OF THE NEW PERSONNEL IS ADEQUATE.

3. FUNDING DOES NOT SEEM TO BE A PROBLEM.

4. THE EMBASSY'S CHIEF OF THE CONSULAR SECTION IS EXPECTED TO ATTEND THE WEEKLY COUNTRY TEAM MEETING AND THE DCM'S WEEKLY SECTION/AGENCY CHIEF MEETING. DUE TO THE SECTION'S WORKLOAD IT IS DIFFICULT FOR THE CONSULATE'S CHIEF TO ATTEND THE MEETINGS. GUAYAQUIL'S CONSULAR PERSONNEL REPORT THAT THEY FEEL THEY ARE TREATED WITHIN THE FOREIGN SERVICE AS SECOND CLASS CITIZENS BECAUSE OF LESSER CAREER OPPORTUNITIES IN THE SERVICE AND THE FEELING THAT POLITICAL CONSIDERATIONS OFTEN APPEAR TO HAVE PRECEDENCE OVER CONSULAR FUNCTIONS.

5. THE PRESENCE OF THE SECTION CHIEF IN PLANNING GROUPS, ETC. IS OFTEN DETERMINED BY CONSULAR WORK DEMANDS WHICH OF NECESSITY MUST BE GIVEN PRIORITY. THE CONSULAR SECTION CHIEF DID ACTIVELY PARTICIPATE IN DRAFTING PORTIONS OF THE PARM.
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6. IN ECUADOR NO FURTHER POSTS ARE NEEDED.

7. WE ARE SATISFIED WITH DEPARTMENT'S BACKSTOPPING ON CONSULAR PROBLEMS. GUAYAQUIL IS CONCERNED WITH THE APPARENT ENCOURAGEMENT GIVEN BY VO TO IMMIGRANT VISA ATTORNEYS TO COMMUNICATE WITH THE DEPARTMENT AND THE POSTS WHENEVER ONE OF THEIR CLIENTS HAS BEEN REFUSED A VISA. THE IV CORRESPONDENCE WORKLOAD WILL INCREASE GREATLY IF THIS IS THE CASE.

8. THE EMBASSY'S CONSULAR SECTION IS HOUSED IN A CONVERTED GARAGE/WORKSHOP AREA IN BACK OF THE EMBASSY COMPOUND. IT HAS ITS OWN SEPARATE ENTRANCE FOR THE PUBLIC. THE EMPLOYEE WORKING AREA AND WAITING ROOM WERE ENLARGED THIS PAST YEAR. THE POST EXPECTS TO HAVE FUNDS TO IMPROVE THE APPEARANCE OF THE PUBLIC ENTRANCE THIS MONTH. THE SPACE, THOUGH NOT IDEAL, IS CONSIDERED ADEQUATE. GUAYAQUIL HOPES TO HAVE A NEW BUILDING SOON.

9. NO PROBLEMS.

10. GENERAL AND GRADUAL INCREASES IN VOLUME ANTICIPATED
IN ALL PHASES OF CONSULAR OPERATIONS.

11. IT WOULD GREATLY IMPROVE COORDINATION OF RESOURCE
PLANNING IF THE CONSULAR PACKAGE AND THE PARM WERE
TIMED FOR SUBMISSION AT THE SAME TIME.

12. COOPERATION FROM LOCAL OFFICIALS IS ADEQUATE.

13. THE CONSULAR SECTION TRIES TO ASSIST AS MUCH AS
POSSIBLE, UNDER EXISTING VISA LAW AND REGULATIONS, OTHER
SECTION OF THE EMBASSY WITH THE MANY VISA RECOMMENDATIONS
THOSE SECTIONS RECEIVE FROM THEIR CONTACTS.

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